



# **Florida House of Representatives**

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## **Republican Leaders Call On House Democrats to Do Their Jobs**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** — Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) and Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Matt Hudson (R-Naples) today issued the following statement regarding House Democrats' continued refusal to participate in this week's budget reduction exercises.

"With a record number of Floridians out of work and the current gaping budget shortfall, it is our responsibility to work efficiently with our time here. I am thankful Republicans are choosing to be engaged in the difficult budget development process. It is irresponsible for Democrats to waste our committee time and taxpayers' dollars on an unproductive political stunt," commented Chair Hudson.

Majority Leader Lopez-Cantera stated, "This is a slap in the face to voters who expect their elected officials to be engaged in the Legislative process and find solutions to the tough issues facing our state.

"For what purpose are you here except to represent your constituents? The privilege of the democratic process is to represent those who elected you to serve. Boycotting the budget exercises just because the decisions are difficult not only reveals a lack of leadership, but also effectively denies your constituents a voice."

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